



What an exciting week in Wren Class!

The children enjoyed a chilly Forest School session and searched for ice decorations around the forest. They had to find ways to get the frozen objects out of the ice by using resources such as sticks and stones that they could find in the forest.

During our Phonics lessons this week, we have learnt new digraphs sh, th, ng and nk along with tricky words she, push, he and of.

During our literacy lessons, we have been learning all about winter and what happens to the plants and animals. We also talked about what clothes we should wear in winter and why. The children also made a passport ready for their trip on Friday!

In our handwriting lessons, this week we practised writing the capital letter D and the whole class enjoyed writing letters on large pieces of paper on the carpet.

During Maths this week, the children have been practising subtraction and how to use a 10 frame to help them work out the answer.

The children has a great time in PE this week. Mrs Higgins set up a gymnastics course which included balancing on beams, climbing on the wall bars, jumping from a height and rolling along mats.

The children had a great time at our joint Arctic launch day with Year 1. After drop off on the playground they went straight into the 'Departure Lounge' of the airport (hall) to fill out their flight ticket and collect their passports. They then proceeded to the baggage x ray area to have their bags examined and handed in any liquids (water bottles) as liquids are not allowed on board the plane. The children then went through security and were scanned, as they walked through. Next, they checked in at the ticket desk and then proceeded to passport control before proceeding to the departure gate. Once on board the plane the children put their bags under their seat and listened carefully to the safety instructions before watching take off on the Interactive White Board. Drinks and snacks were served on board by a hostess and trolley service. The children enjoyed looking out of the plane window (IWB) at the ground below and

clouds. Captain Searle presented the Head Teachers Assembly from the cockpit and announced the destination. On landing the children watched a short information video about the Arctic and proceeded to depart the plane. On arrival the children entered the Arctic through a mist of peppermint spray, snow and cold air. There were plenty of activities to choose from such as building igloos out of blankets, bricks and pillows, making igloos and shelters using playdough, sticks and branches, playing with ice. The role play house was turned into a polar explorer base with a tent, treasure hidden in ice, painting ice, arctic animals and snow, peppermint playdough, arts and craft, fine motor skill making igloos from sugar cubes and tweezers and a phonics reading challenge. The children LOVED it!

Next week we will be reading the book 'The Great Explorer' and writing about adventures in the North Pole!

Unfortunately, we were unable to change all the children's books on Friday due to staff absence and our Arctic Day. We will make sure that we change them all this week.

Many thanks,

Wren Class Team.

